



Army To Open Recruiting Station Here On Monday

Young men planning to volunteer for the army now will have an opportunity to do so in a recruiting station here in Murphy. A new station will open here Monday, in offices in Regal hotel, opening on Peachtree street.

Sgt. James Dance will be in charge of the field work for the station, and Sgt. Florian C. Mathieu will be in the office.

Office hours will be from 8 to 5 o'clock Monday through Friday, and from 8 to 12 o'clock on Saturdays.

The counties of Clay, Cherokee, Swain and Graham will be served from this office.

Lee Succeeds Brownell As Scout Chairman

Dale Lee was elected district scout chairman, succeeding C. L. Brownell of Fontana Dam who is being transferred, at a meeting held at the Methodist church at Hayesville Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock. Frank Swan, advancement chairman, conducted the court of honor. Scout Ray Simms, troupe No. 2, Murphy, served as court clerk. John Christy led the pledge to the flag and the invocation was offered by the Rev. G. M. Carver of Hayesville. Scout songs were led by "Pop" Osborne.

Five boys were inducted into scouting by F. V. Smith, field executive. There were: Mark E. Hudson, John Holloway, David Bristol, Harry Rogers of Andrews, and Harold West of Murphy.

Second class rank was awarded by Bill Swan to Jack Mosteller and William R. Stanley of Andrews. Ed L. Curtis presented James Crawford of Hayesville with rank of first class scout. Bobby Cunningham and Joe Johnston of Hayesville received the camping merit badge from Harry R. Bradshaw.

Clarence A. Bales, district camping chairman, presented Camporee emblems to 12 scouts from Andrews and nine from Hayesville who attended the recent district camp meeting at the Drake place on Nantahala lake.

Ministerial Association Meets

The Cherokee County Ministerial association held its regular monthly dinner meeting at Hotel Regal Monday.

It was voted to continue the "Go to Church" campaign through the month of May.

Those attending the meeting were: The Rev. Ralph Taylor, the Rev. Rufus Morgan of Franklin, the Rev. C. C. Washam, and the Rev. T. Earl Ogg of Andrews, the Rev. J. A. Morris, the Rev. T. G. Tate, the Rev. P. H. Hooker and Rev. Law Mobley of Raleigh.

Ward Accepts New Position

James B. Ward, after twelve and a half years with the Geological department of the TVA, has resigned this position and accepted a position as head of the Geological section of the Mobile district of the army engineers, with headquarters in mobile, Ala. He has already moved to Mobile where Mrs. Ward, who is here with her mother, Mrs. G. W. Candler, will join him in a few days.

Decoration services will be held at Swanson church, Postell, and Pleasant Hill cemetery Sunday, May 12.

James F. Wood Taken By Death At Age Of 69

James Fernando Wood, 69, prominent merchant of Suit, died at his home there Thursday night, May 2, at 9 o'clock, following a long illness.

Funeral services were held Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at Friendship Baptist church of which he was a member. The Rev. Freed Townsend, the Rev. Fred Stiles and the Rev. Thomas Truett officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery, with Masonic rites at the grave.

Born near Clarksville, Ga., Mr. Wood had been a resident of Cherokee county for 50 years. He had been a member of the Baptist church for 52 years and a member of the Montgomery Masonic Lodge for 34 years.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Letha Collins Wood; seven sons, Lon, Lee, Charlie and Stanley Wood, all of Suit, Quentin Wood with the navy in Galveston, Texas, Fred and Claude Wood of Akron, Ohio, one daughter, Mrs. Mae Lawrence of Martell, Tenn.; one brother, Joe Wood of Buford, Ga.; three sisters, Mrs. Etta Canup of Anderson, S. C., Mrs. Mae Hicks of Clarksville, Ga., and Mrs. Julia Harris of Atlanta.

Pallbearers were: Roy Ingram, Truman McNabb, Oliver Myers, Ernest Crowe, Earl Payne, Claude Payne, Claude Patterson and Hayden Crowe.

Flower bearers were: Birdie Belle Keenum, Annie Belle Keenum, Faye Keenum, Marie Truett, Joanne Wood, Doris Lawrence, Betty Lou Wood, Jean Payne, Thelma Keenum, Kathleen Keenum, Imogene Picklesimer, and Grace Payne.

Ivies funeral home had charge of arrangements.

Southern Lumber Gets Certificate Of Achievement

Southern Lumber and Manufacturing Co., of Ellijay, Ga., operated by L. A. Frasch and B. S. Kolker, has been presented a Certificate of Achievement in recognition of "exceptional accomplishment in behalf of the U. S. Navy and of Meritorious contribution to the national War effort. The certificate was signed by H. Struve Hensel, assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Southern Lumber and Manufacturing Co. make pallets and also furnish laminated kiln dried pine to the government.

Betsy Webster Heads Appalachian Playcrafters At A. S. T. C., Boone

The annual election of officers for the Appalachian Playcrafters was conducted in the college auditorium on Monday evening.

It resulted in the following elections: for president and first chairman, Betsy Webster of Murphy; second chairman, Vance (Spud) Whitener of Spindale; for secretary-treasurer, Alta Ponder of Mars Hill; for stage manager, Bobby Gene Ray of Newland and Jay Loal Benbow of Oak Ridge; for editor of the Playbill, the Playcrafters quarterly, Bertha Willis of Mars Hill; for custodian of properties, Stanley South of Boone; for custodian of make-up, Catherine Stokes of Sugar Grove.

These officers will assume their duties at the beginning of the fall quarter, 1946. Miss Webster is the daughter of H. S. Webster, public health officer in Cherokee County.

Louise Gibson Reported Missing

Louise Gibson, 16 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Buster Gibson of North Murphy, has been missing from her home since Saturday afternoon.

She is five-feet and four inches tall, has blond hair, blue eyes, and fair complexion. She was wearing a gray dress, gray spring coat trimmed in brown, and white and brown pumps when she left her home between two and three o'clock Saturday afternoon, supposedly only to come down town.

Mr. Gibson stated that she was seen in a drug store about 3:30 and going into the bus station at 4:00. The parents have been unable to find any further trace of her since. Police have been notified.

Texas Visitors Study Home Club Work In County

A study of the home demonstration work in Cherokee county was made Monday and Tuesday of this week by three visiting ladies from Texas, accompanied by Miss Anna C. Rowe, district home agent of Asheville. They visited several points in the county, accompanied by Miss Mary Cornwell, home agent, and A. Q. Ketter, farm agent.

The visitors were: Miss Jennie Comp, assistant state director of Texas; Miss Beulah Blackwell, district home demonstration agent; and Mrs. Florence W. Low, home management specialist.

Commencement Is To Begin On May 19th

Commencement exercises for Murphy high school will begin with the Baccalaureate sermon on Sunday, May 19, by the Rev. T. G. Tate at the Presbyterian church. Mr. Tate's sermon subject will be, "The Golden Quest".

Music will be furnished by a choir from the school, with Mrs. J. W. Davidson at the piano.

The commencement address will be delivered at 8 o'clock on Monday evening, the 20th, by the Rev. Ralph Taylor, pastor of First Methodist church, in the school auditorium.

Honor students are: Helen Stiles Keenum, valedictorian, and Edward Hal McDonald, salutatorian. There are 14 members of the senior class, and 44 in the seventh grade to be promoted to eighth grade.

Marshalls are: Doris Chambers, chief, Dollie Martin, Alice Jane Dockery, Barbara Arnold, and Evelyn McDonald.

RESIGNS
D. M. Birchfield of Andrews resigned this week from the police force at Murphy.

Veterans Contact Unit Opens Andrews

A Contact Unit of the Veterans Administration has recently been established in Andrews.

This office, located in Andrews Library Building, is now officially open to the public. The purpose of this office is to render every possible assistance to discharged members of the Armed Forces, and their dependents, in obtaining benefits to which they may be entitled under the laws administered by the Veterans Administration. The object of this office is to promote the prompt and efficient processing and adjudication of claims by advising and counselling with claimants, beneficiaries, and other individuals.

The Veterans Administration is the agency primarily responsible for, or concerned with, the administration of laws providing direct benefits for veterans and their dependents, although other agencies Federal and State, grant certain rights, benefits and privileges to veterans, their dependents and organizations. The benefits administered by the Veterans Administration include monetary benefits such as pensions, compensation, retirement pay, insurance, readjustment allowances; medical treatment, hospital and domiciliary care, burial and funeral expenses; vocational rehabilitation; education and training; guaranty of loans for purchase or construction of homes, farms and business property and other related benefits.

Miss Helen A. Rankin, daughter of Mrs. Jennie S. Angel of Bryson City, is the contact representative in charge of the Andrews office. For the past ten years Miss Rankin has been doing legal investigation work for the Federal Trade Commission in Washington, D. C., Los Angeles, Calif., and New Orleans, La. She was granted military leave from her position with the Federal Trade Commission and volunteered her services in the

Armed Forces. After discharge from the United States Army, Miss Rankin transferred from her position with FTC to a position in the Veterans Administration. Before coming to Andrews to take charge of this office, she was with the subregional office of VA in Asheville.

The activities of the Andrews office will cover the counties of Jackson, Swain, Macon, Cherokee, Graham and Clay, this being the only VA office west of Asheville. Miss Rankin expects to do itinerant service in nearby towns at a later date.

All veterans coming into the Andrews office for information, or to file claims and applications for educational and training benefits, or for any other reason, are instructed to bring with them their original discharge certificates and associated papers. In the case of insurance to be reinstated or converted, insurance certificates or policies should be brought to this office. Dependents and beneficiaries of veterans should also bring in all information in their possession in any way relating to their claims.

This office is open to veterans and dependents of veterans of the Civil War, Spanish American War, Boxer Rebellion, Philippine Insurrection, World War I and World War II. All those having claims to file, or any other problems relating to their benefits, are at liberty to contact this office at any time convenient to them. Information is also available in this office to all veterans service organizations such as The American Legion, Red Cross, Veterans of Foreign Wars or other service organizations representing veterans and their dependents. Miss Rankin will assist all veterans, their dependents and beneficiaries, in Western North Carolina in obtaining any benefits to which they may be entitled.

Neil Sneed Is Elected New Mayor Of Murphy



The Farmers Federation is planning to open a warehouse at Hayesville to serve the farmers of Clay county, according to an announcement by President James G. K. McClure, above. Construction of a building just off the square at Hayesville will begin as soon as priorities are received, Mr. McClure said.

Martins Creek School To Present Operetta

The operetta "Tom Thumb's Wedding" will be presented at Martins Creek school house Saturday, May 18 at 8 p. m. Those taking part in the program are Jean Chastain, Darlene Chastain, Jimmy Chastain, Polly Stiles, Robert Chapman, Carmen Loudermilk, Reba Martin, Joanne Cornwell, Helen Estes, Mary Alice King, Mary Edith Hemphill, Jerry Ruth Smith, Steve Davis, Ben Beaver, James Crisp, Frederick Dalrymple, Harry Ingram, Charles Owenby, Louise Hall, Martha Chastain and Johnny Hughes. There will be several piano solos by some of the children. Tom Ellington, a blind musician, will give special music. There will be an admission fee, the proceeds going to the Martins Creek Methodist church. Mrs. Judson Chastain and Mrs. Ruby Hill are in charge.

SUNDAY SERVICES

The Rev. T. G. Tate has announced special Mother's Day services at the Presbyterian church Sunday Morning.

The sermon subject for the 11 o'clock service will be "Mary, the Ideal Mother". There will be special music by the choir. At the 8 o'clock service the subject will be "The Two Gates".

The Young People will meet at 7:15 for their service. Sunday school will convene at 10 o'clock.

Bird Interferes With Town's Time

Auditor Paul Hyatt has difficulty keeping the town clock working right, and a group of men standing in front of First Baptist church Sunday morning seem to have discovered the reason. The clock hands showed that it was ten o'clock, as Henry Hyatt, J. W. Donley, Henry Barton and George Barton looked on. A big black bird lighted on the minute hand, and as he flew away he pushed the hand backwards three minutes.

Bazaar To Be Held Saturday

For the purpose of raising funds to buy a piano for the new school building now being constructed at Peachtree, members of the Peachtree home demonstration club will have a Mother's Day gift at the Roadside market Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

The ladies will offer for sale at this time several hand-made articles, including: Pillow cases, tea towels, luncheon sets, vanity sets, children's dresses, guest towels, kitchen curtains; rooted plants for potting and novelties.

Winners Essay Contest Prizes Are Announced

Miss Evelyn McDonald of Grandview and Eddie Graham of Letitia were first prize winners in the 4-H essay contest sponsored this spring by Farmers Federation, announces Roger Ammons, local manager. Miss Annie Ruth Stiles of Peachtree and James Myers of Peachtree were winners of second place.

The first prize winners will each receive from Farmers Federation 30 baby chicks, and second prize winners will each receive 20 baby chicks.

The subject of the essays was "How the Farmers Federation Helps the Farmer Most".

The essays of these boys and girls will be submitted to the Asheville office of the Federation for competition in the district contest.

WATSON DISCHARGED

James W. Watson S 1/C of Culbertson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Watson, was discharged from the Navy after 31 months of service, 11 of which were spent overseas, at the separation center, Charleston, S. C., May 4.

WINS RACE TO FAMED SPECIALIST



TEMPORARY VICTOR in a race with death, Michael Beirne, 2-year-old "blue baby" from San Francisco, is shown as he was examined at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, by Dr. Mary Hammond. Dr. Hammond, of the Harriet Lane clinic, has been using the famed Blalock operation with considerable success. Hearing of her surgical achievements, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Beirne boarded a plane in California. An oxygen tank was installed to sustain Mike during the trip. (International Soundphoto)

Interest was keen in Murphy's municipal election held Tuesday, and a record vote of 968 ballots was cast. E. O. Christopher for councilman led the ticket with 627 votes.

Neil Sneed was elected mayor with 561 votes. Elected to the town council were: E. O. Christopher, E. E. Stiles with 544 votes; W. D. King, 542; T. W. Axley, 536; C. H. Townson, 441; and J. C. English, 396.

Other candidates received the following number of votes: For mayor: Dallas M. Reese, 220, and W. M. Fain, 162; for councilmen: A. L. Martin, 333; Tom Palmer, 376; John Brittain, 282; W. W. Rogers, 153; R. A. Crisp, 236; W. A. Brandon, 257; J. B. Mulkey, 169; J. W. McMillan, 110; E. P. Hawkins, 185; M. L. Hall, 114; and Duke Whitley, 243.

Mayor Sneed is manager of Townson Brothers Firestone Store here. In past years he served as policeman on the local police force.

All members of the new council are local business men. W. D. King are local business men. W. D. King council who was re-elected.

Strange Dog Is Reported Mad

A strange dog that bit at least five other dogs in Murphy on April 29 was found to be infected with rabies, according to a report from the laboratory of the State Department of Health, states H. S. Webster, sanitarian of the local health department.

The dogs he was known to have bitten have either been killed or confined, but it is not known how many more were bitten while the dog traveled through town. He was traced from the south end of town to East Murphy and was killed there.

Mr. Webster stated that he is not ordering a quarantine of dogs in town as a result of this, but he does warn individuals that they may look for more dogs in the community to be mad anywhere from May 20 for the next three months, because of the varying incubation period of the disease.

Mr. Webster asks for the full cooperation of the town people to protect the public from rabies-infected dogs.

This is the second mad dog that has been reported to the health department this year and one person has been taking treatment because of a bite by the first one.

Road Improvement To Be Discussed By Council

Compulsory School attendance was discussed at the meeting of the County Council on Social Planning held at the home economics building Tuesday evening. Mrs. John Shields and Mrs. Ben Warner led the discussion.

It is planned to compile statistics on the absentees in the schools of the county and give publicity to them to inform the public more fully of this problem.

Supt. H. Bueck pointed out how Cherokee county fails to get its full share of teachers because of poor attendance.

"Road Improvement" will be the subject of discussion at the next meeting, and Chairman A. Q. Ketter will announce the committee to have charge of this program at a later date.

Nineteen members of the council were present.

Clinic To Be Held At Andrews

On Friday, May 10, from 9:30 to 11:30 a. m., a pre-school clinic will be held at Andrews in the white school building.

It is requested that all parents who have children entering their first year in school this fall, bring these children for enrollment, and necessary immunizations at this time.